

# STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## PROCLAMATION

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

MARCH 2, 2022

**WHEREAS**, Ukraine has been a sovereign and independent state since August 24, 1991, upon its withdrawal from the collapsing former Soviet Union; and

**WHEREAS**, Ukraine is the second largest European state by land mass and is home to more than 41 million proud Ukrainian citizens with their own national history and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, many North Dakotans can trace their ancestral roots to the rich soil of Ukraine; and

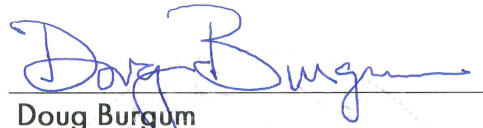
**WHEREAS**, the United States and Ukraine share common values, including freedom, democracy and the rule of law; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2022, at the direction of President Vladimir Putin, Russian forces began an unprovoked invasion of Ukraine in violation of international law; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakota joins the international community in condemning this violence and the threats to innocent civilians in Ukraine and stands in support of the citizens of Ukraine and their sovereignty.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2, 2022, **DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE** in the State of North Dakota.



  
Doug Burgum  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:   
Alvin A. Jaeger  
SECRETARY OF STATE